

**Glenda Wiles**

**From:** Wild Sentry [gopherranch@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** Glenda Wiles  
**Subject:** citizen comment on interim streamside setback regulation

I'd planned on attending today's discussion about the interim streamside setback regulations but figure you'll be dealing with enough people that you won't miss me...therefore, my comments follow:

I am a property owner along Blodgett Creek. Primarily due to flood considerations we built well away from the creek in 1979. I understand that you will receive a lot of pressure from landowners claiming their property value will be devalued if setbacks are enacted. From my perspective, not having setbacks enacted threatens my property values. We recently purchased a parcel of creek frontage land adjacent to our property with the sole purpose of reselling AFTER we've added setback restrictions. Had setbacks been enacted, we would not have had to risk financial hardship to protect our property values.

I've read the interim setback regulations and urge the commission to pass them without delay. I see nothing onerous from a streamside property owner's perspective. From a biological and environmental perspective the proposed setbacks are minimal. If you can find the courage to increase them, please do so, as it will be more difficult to increase them to distances that are truly appropriate when you pass permanent regulations. Certainly do not allow yourselves to be talked into less as a "compromise." The proposed distances are already a compromise in land speculators' favor and to the detriment of current homeowners and the streamside environment.

Thank you for considering my comments. Pat Tucker, 500 Jorgy Way, Hamilton, MT 363-7291

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